



## News Release

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### **VA North Texas HCS receives AAHRPP accreditation**

DALLAS – VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS) was among nine healthcare organizations to recently receive accreditation from the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP).

AAHRPP is a non-profit organization that works with organizations that conduct human research to raise the level of protection for research participants. AAHRPP accredits organizations that can demonstrate they provide participant safeguards that surpass the threshold of state and federal requirements. The accreditation program utilizes a voluntary, peer-driven, educational model.

Through the rigorous accreditation process, organizations must demonstrate that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their research operation and that they adhere to the highest standards for research. AAHRPP standards exceed federal regulations by requiring organizations to address conflicts of interest, to provide community outreach and education, and to apply the same stringent protections to all research involving human participants. The accreditation process typically results in system-wide improvements that enhance protections for research participants and promote high-quality research.

“This is a great accomplishment for VANTHCS and demonstrates the tremendous amount of work done by investigators, coordinators, and research staff towards accomplishing this goal,” said [Dr. James LePage](#), VA North Texas HCS Associate Chief of Staff for Research.

To date 138 organizations representing 600 entities have earned AAHRP accreditation. Learn more about AAHRPP accreditation at [www.aahrpp.org](http://www.aahrpp.org).